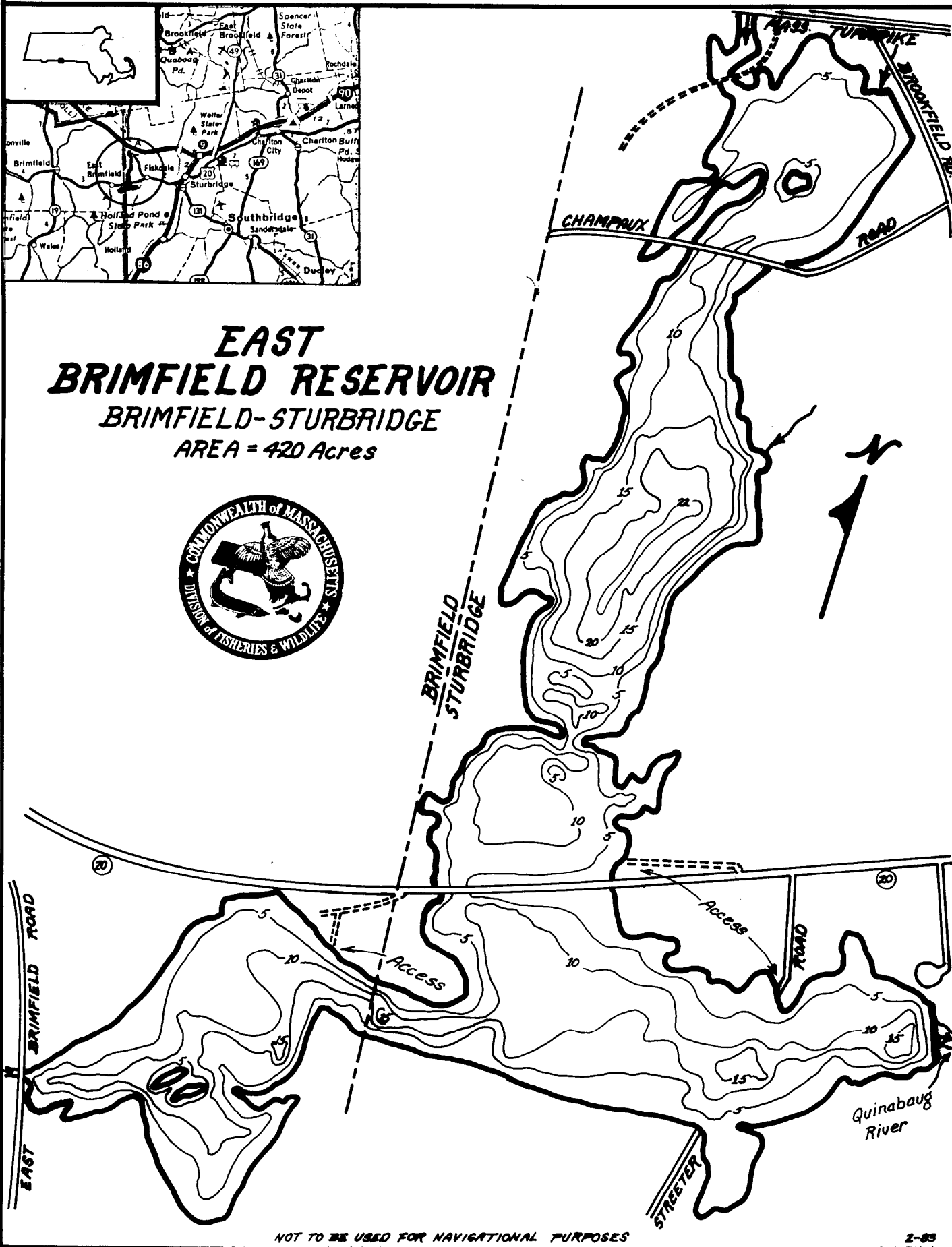


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**BRIMFIELD-STURBRIDGE**  
AREA = 420 Acres



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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## EAST BRIMFIELD RESERVOIR (Brimfield / Sturbridge)

### General Information:

East Brimfield Reservoir is a 420-acre reservoir created by the Corps of Engineers in 1960 by damming the Quinnebaug River in Sturbridge. Although its primary function is flood control in conjunction with the Thames River Basin Flood Control Program, considerable effort was given towards developing recreational opportunities for the public. At an elevation of 632 feet (approximate pool level) maximum depth is only 22 feet, with most of the reservoir measuring ten feet in depth or less. While the bottom is rather weedy and largely typifies warm water fish habitat, the Division does stock a small number of trout each spring at the north end off Champaux Road.

Habitation about the reservoir is sparse, and most of the shoreline remains heavily wooded. At least three sites off Route 20 with substantial parking areas provide excellent access and boat launching capabilities. There is also a handicapped access to a pier off Champaux Road. You can navigate boats from the northern section to the southern section via a large culvert under Route 20.

### Fish Populations:

A 1995 survey found largemouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, white perch, smallmouth bass, brown trout, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseeds, brown bullheads, yellow bullheads, golden shiners, bridled shiners, alewives and killifish. Northern pike are also present here and are stocked on a regular basis, most recently in 1995. Tiger muskies were stocked here in 1997.

### Fishing:

East Brimfield Reservoir is a favorite spot for both the serious and casual angler. It is a favorite spot for competition bass anglers. Although weed beds are abundant, the old river channel is a good area to search for large, opportunistic gamefish. The multitude of panfish here will provide hours and hours of simple leisurely fishing for anglers of all levels of ability. The northern pike are a significant draw for ice anglers, as the big predators are known to reach massive size here. This water once held the state record for the species.

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